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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MOLINA REPORTS ON HIS FIRST 1,000 DAYS

1. IN A 70-MINUTE ADDRESS ON NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION, PRESIDENT MOLINA DELIVERED A REPORT ON HIS FIRST 1,000 DAYS IN OFFICER MARCH 20 (HE SPOKE ONE WEEK EARLY IN ORDER TO AVOID THE HOLIDAYS). TERMING THE SPEECH AN "EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE," HE PRONOUNCED HIMSELF A MAN OF HIS WORD WHO DOES NOT ENGAGE IN DEMOGOGUERY BUT SPEAKS THE "LANGUAGE OF DEEDS AND ACTIONS." THE SPEECH CATALOGS MOLINA'S MAJOR (AND A FEW MINOR) DECISIONS AIMED, HE SAID, AT IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE COUNTRY'S "POPULAR MAJORITY." HE REJECTED POLITICAL EXTREMES OF LEFT AND RIGHT AS WELL AS FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES. HE DEFENDED THE MOBILE GOVERNMENT, THE CERRON/GRANDE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, THE CAMALAPA AIRPORT AND THE JIBOA SUGAR REFINERY. HE ASSERTED THE RECENTLY-PASSED LANT RENT LAW WILL GENERATE EMPLOYMENT AND STIMULATE PRODUCTION. HE SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE IMPACT OF IMPORTED INFLATION.

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ON FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS, HE REAFFIRMED HIS POLICY OF DIRECT,

PERSONAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH HONDURAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND
EXPRESSED HIS OPTIMISM THAT IN 1975 "WE CAN REACH CONCRETE
SOLUTIONS TO OVERCOME THE DIFFERENCES THAT MOMENTARILY SEPARATE"
THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE ALSO DENOUNCED IMPERIALISM OF ALL KINDS
AND DECLARED HIS SUPPORT FOR ALL MEASURES, SUCH AS MEXICAN
PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES,
WHICH OPPOSE IT.

2. FULL TEXT AND ANALYSIS WILL BE POUCHED.

3. COMMENT: THE SPEECH CONTAINED STANDARD FARE. THE ONLY
NEWS WAS MOLINA'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE AGRARIAN TRANSFORMATION
BILL, WHICH HE PROMISED IN HIS SEPTEMBER 15, 1974, ADDRESS,
WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY "IN THE NEXT FEW
DAYS." IN CONTRAST TO OTHER RECENT SPEECHES, MOLINA DID
NOT ATTACK THE OPPOSITION OR PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEYOND CONTRASTING HIS OWN RECORD OF ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS WITH THE EMPTY PROMISES PUT FORWARD FOR SELFISH POLITICAL
MOTIVES BY HIS CRITICS. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT POPULATION
POLICY WAS THE SINGLE MAJOR AREA NOT MENTIONED IN THE SPEECH.
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